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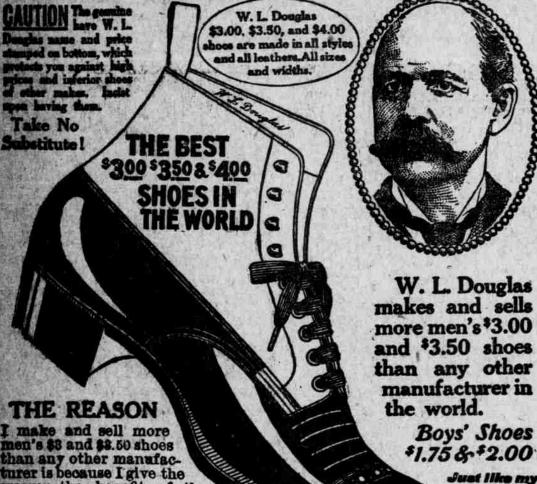
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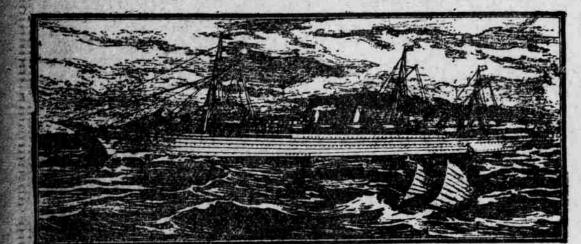
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We believe that the Heavens above gave the their own name which is the name of the Spirit of our people. That Spirit I have seen in a dream, and she was like to thee, O Inkosazana-y-

"It may be so, Mouth of the King, still I am woman, not spirit." "Yet in every woman there dwells spirit, or so we believe and in thee great one, or so we have heard and believe, O Lady of the Heavens. To thee, then, again we repeat the words of Dingaan and of his council which to-day we have said in the ears of him who thinks himself thy father. To thee the roads are open; thine are the cattle in the kraals; here is an earnest of them. Thine are the lives of men. Command now, if thou wilt, that one of us be slain before thee, and whilst thou watchest, he shall look his upon the moon,"

hear you," said Rachel, quietly, but I seek the life of none who are I thank the King for his gift; wish the King well. I remember that life and death lie in my hands.

Say these words to the King."
"We will say them, but wilt thou not come, O Lady, as the King desires? A regiment shall meet thee on the river bank and lead thee to his house. Unshalt thou return, and what thou askest that shall be given thee."

"One day, perchance, I will come but now now. Go in peace, O Mouths As she spoke another dark cloud floated acros sthe moon, and when it had passed away she stood no more upon the rock. Then, seeing that she was gone, those messengers gath-ered up their spears and mats, and

returned swiftly to Zululand. When she reached the house again Rachel told her father and mother was he, and no other, who had counselled Dingaan to kill her father and "Yes, because as I said," 'It seems scarcely right, my dear,

said Mr. Dove, when she had done. "Those benighted heathens will really believe that you are something un-

"Then let them," she answered. "It can do no one any harm, and the power of life and death with the rest of it, unless it was all talk as I suspect, might be very useful one day. But as yet he could find none, since

the old man with a withered hand had spoken as the "King's to love this beautiful orphan maid.

also that alone among men living, he waited so long came to him. has seen the White Spirit: the Inko- habit of slipping away whenever he sazana. Thrice has he seen her, or appeared, he showed himself on horse-so goes the tale that my father, who knew everything, told to me. That is while and, instead of going up to the why Dingaan sent him here to make mission station, rode round it, and hid report of you." And she told her all the wonderful story of Mopo and of mand a view of the surrounding counthe death of T'Chaka, which Rachel try. Presently he saw Rachel, who treasured in her mind.

stood her in good stead.

occurred which brought it into mind. horse, at last came up with her seated For some time, however, Rachel on a rock by the rool in which she thought of it a good deal, wondering had bathed on the morning of the how it came about that her native massacre. name and the strange significance which they appeared to give to it had or shoes made of raw hide, on the taken such a hold of the imagination sand, Rachel knew nothing of his comof the Zulus. Ultimately she discov- ing until his shadow fell upon her. ered that the white man, Ishmael, was Then she sprang up and saw him, the chief cause of these things. He smiling and bowing, the ostrich-plume had lived so long among savages that hat in his hand. Her first impulse he had caught something of their was to run away, but recovering hermind and dark superstitions. To him, self, she nodded in a friendly fashion, as to them, it seemed a marvellous and bade him "Good day," adding. thing that she should have acquired the title of the legendary Spirit of the mael, hunting?" Zulu people. The calm courage, too, so unusual in a woman, which she showed when she shot the warrior, I have caught you at last.' and at the risk of her own life saved that of the girl, Noie, impressed him Mr. Ishmael," she said indignantly. as something almost ultra-human, especially when he remembered his own conduct on that occasion. All of this any wild creature." story, of course, he did not tell to the King and his indunas, or great men, as a white witch-doctoress of supernatural power, whose name showed his fingers touched the rocks on either that she was mixed up with the fortunes of the race. Therefore, in the knew the Spirit," to make report of

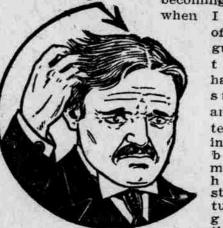
When he was not absent upon his hunting or trading expeditions, Ishmael visited Ramah a great deal and, as Rachel soon discovered, not without an object. Indeed, almost from the first, her feminine instincts led her to suspect that this man who, notwithstanding his good looks, repelled her so intensely, was falling in love with her, which in truth he had done once and for all at their first meeting. In suggested it, as did other things. For

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application removed the itching, my wish to be unkind, or to say anything hair stopped falling out, and I now that will pain you, but please go away, have a new growth of hair, and is soft, and never try to speak to me again glossy and pliable."—Carrie Williams, like this, as it is quite useless. You 844 Clinton Ave. South, Rochester, must understand that I will never

Parisian Sage, the most delightful hair restorer, is guaranteed by Leverty else?" he asked hoarsely, and at the & Bro. to stop falling hair, to cure question, do what she would to pre-dandruff and all diseases of the scalp, vent it, Rachel colored a little. or money back. It is the most refreshing hair dressing in the world. were with a dream?" Ladies use it extensively because it "A dream, a dream of a man you makes the hair beautiful, soft and lux-mean. Well, don't let him cross my

instance, when he came to visit the Doves, he discarded his garments of "We have heard the story," answered the old man (which indeed they had with many additions), "and we believe "skin trousers, and appeared dressed in smart European clothes which he had smart European clothes which he had contrived to obtain from Durban, and a large hat with a white ostrich feather, that struck Rachel as even more ludicrous than the famous trousers. Also he was continuously sending presents of game and of skins, or of rare karosses, that is, fur rugs, which he ordered to be delivered to

her personally-tokens, all of them, that she could not misunderstand. Her father, however, misunderstood them persistently, although her mother saw something of the truth, and did her best to shield her from attentions which she knew to be unwelcome. Mr. Dove believed that it was his company which Ishmael sought. Indeed in this matter the man was very clever, contriving to give the clergyman the impression that he required spiritual instruction and comfort, which, of course, he found forthcoming in an

abundant supply. When Mrs. Dove remonstrated, saying that she misdoubted her of him and his character, her husband answered obstinately, that it was his duty to turn a sinner from his way, and declined to pursue the conversation. So Ishmael continued to come. For her part Rachel did her best

to avoid him, instructing Noie to keep narmed shalt thou come, unharmed a constant look-out both with her eyes and through the Kaffirs, and to warn her of his advent. Then she would slip away into the bush or you understand? down to the seashore, and remain there till he was gone, or if he came when she could not do so, in the evening for instance, would keep Noie at don't change your mind about me. I

Now the result of this method of

self-protection was to cause Ishmael to hate Noie as bitterly as she hated him. He guessed that the girl knew the dreadful truth about him; that it er at all against me! no one has. all his family, and take her by force into his house, and although she said nothing of it, he suspected that she had told everything to Rachel. More-over, it was she who always thwarted him, who prevented him time upon time from having a single word alone with her mistress. Therefore he determined to be revenged upon Noie Who knows? And now the Princess of the Heavens will go and set the supper, as Noic—I beg pardon, Non-lis off duty for the present."

Afterwards she asked Noie who was Dove family all of whom had be since the could find none, since the could find none, since the could find none, since the seasons asked heard you calling me down here by the seasons, so I came. Is it your pleasure that I should accompany you would mean a final breach with the Dove family all of whom had become Dove family, all of whom had learned

So he nursed his rage in secret. bopo, none other. O Zoola," she answered. "It was he who stabbed T'Chaka, the Black One. It is said also that alone among men limits of long came to which he had waited so long came to which he had Meanwhile his passion increased Having become aware of Rachel's

Such was Rachel's first introduction to the Zulus, an occasion on which shore, along the edge of that kloof was alone, for she had not waited to her undoubted histrionic abilities down which ran the stream where the crocodiles lived. Presently, when she This matter of the embassy happen- had gone too far to return to the ed and in due course was almost for- house if she caught sight of him, he gotten, that is until a certain event followed after her, and, leaving his

> Walking softly in his veld-schoens, "What are you doing here, Mr. Ish-

"Yes," he answered, "that's it. Hunting you. It has been a long chase, but "Really, I am not a wild creature, "No," he answered, "you are more

beautiful and more dangerous than Rachel looked at him. Then she Zulus for he feared lest they should made as though she would pass him, take vengeance for his share in it. saying that she was going home. Now But of Rachel he discoursed to the Ishmael stood between two rocks filling the only egress from this place. He stretched out his arms so that

"You can't. You must listen to me end, Dingaan sent Mopo, "he who first. I came here to say what I have wanted to tell you for a long time. I love you, and I ask you to marry me." "Indeed," she replied, setting her face. "How can that be? I understood that you were already married-several

times over." 'Who told you that?" he asked angrily. "I know-that accursed little witch, Noie.'

"Don't speak any ill of Noie, please; she is my friend." "Then you have a liar for your friend. Those women are only my ser-

vants.'

"It doesn't matter to me what they are, Mr. Ishmael. I have no wish to know your private affairs. Shall we stop this talk which is not pleasant?" "No," he answered. "I tell you that I love you and I mean to marry you, with your will or without it. Let it be with your will. Rachel," he added, pleadingly, "for I will make you a good husband. Also I am well-born, much better than you think, and I am rich Just As Long As You Have rich enough to take you out of this country, if you like. I have thousands of cattle, and a great deal of money put by, good English gold that I have got from the sale of ivory. You shall come with me from among all these savage people back to England, and live as you like." "Thank you, but I prefer the savages,

and she glanced at the pistol which "My hair was falling out rapidly and she always carried in that wild land becoming gray "I am not afraid of you, Mr. Ishmael, when I heard it is you who are afraid of me." of your "Perhaps I am," he exclaimed, "because those Zulus are right, you are tagati, an enchantress, not like other t e e d women, white or black. If it were not hair re- so, would you have driven me mad as storer, you have done? I tell you I can't sleep for thinking of you. Oh! Rachel. Rachel, don't be angry with me. Have ter us- pity on me. Give me some hope. I ing one know that my life has been rough in bottle, the past, but I will become good again my hair for your sake and live like a Christian. a s But if you refuse me, if you send me sto pp ed back to hell-then you shall learn what

turning I can be."
gray. "I know what you are, Mr. Ishmael, marry you, never."

"Are you in love with somebody "How can I be in love here, unless it

wriant. 50 cents a bottle at Leverty path, or it will soon be the dream of a serious Mfg. Co., Buffalo, N. Y. path, or it will soon be the dream of a ghost. I tell you I'd kill him. If I can't have you, no one else shall. Do



"I understand that I am tired o Let me go home, please.' "Home! Soon you will have no home her side, and on the first opportunity have power here-don't you understand? I have power." As he spoke these words the man

looked so evil that Rachel shivered a little. But she answered boldly enough: "I understand that you have no pow-

"Yes, because as I said, you are tagati, but there are others-As these words passed his lips some one slippped by him, Starting back, he saw that it was Noie, draped in her usual white robe, for nothing would induce her to wear European clothes. Passing him as though she saw him not, she went to Rachel and said: "Inkosazana, I was at my work in the house yonder and I thought I

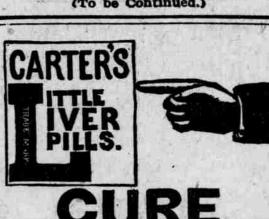
you are so fond of. Well, if I can't die in Zululand, or if you don't you shall soon learn. I will pay you back for all your tricks," and he stopped, choking with rage.

Noie looked him up and down with her soft, dreamy brown eyes. "Do you think so, Night-prowler?" she asked. "Do you think that what you did to the father and his house, you will do to the daughter also? Well, it is strange, but last night, just before the cock crew, I sat by Seyapi's grave, and he spoke to me of you, White Man. Listen, now, and I will tell what he said," and stepping for-

ward she whispered in his ear. Rachel, watching, saw the man's swarthy face turn pale as he hearkened, then he lifted his hand as though to strike her, let it fall again, and muttering curses in English and in Zulu, turned and walked, or rather staggered away.

"What did you tell him, Noie?" ask ed Rachel. "Never mind, Zoola," "Perhaps the truth; At any rate I came into my mind. frightened him away. He was making love to you, was he not, the low silwana (wild beast)? Ah! I thought so, for that he has wished to do for long. And he threatened, did he not. Well, you are right; he cannot hurt you at all, and me only a little, I think. But he is very dangerous and very strong, and can hurt others. If place, Zoola,'

"I think so, too," answered Rachel bin? Shall we? "Let us go home and tell him so." (To be Continued.)



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